



City Times

NEWSLETTER

HAPPY HOLIDAYS, TEAM!

"Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before! What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store? What if Christmas ... perhaps ... means a little bit more!"

—Dr. Seuss, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*

Take a look at **WHAT'S NEXT** for COL below:

- [Holiday in the Park activities](#): Nightly Light Displays, Live Nativity Scenes & Hay Rides through Dec. 31 @Elmer Thomas Park.
- ['Ware on C' December Event](#): 5-8 p.m. Dec. 6 @Downtown C Avenue
- [LPD Tree Lighting](#): 6 p.m. Dec. 6 @LPD Station
- [Handel's Messiah show](#): 7:30 p.m. Dec. 8 @McMahon Memorial Auditorium
- [Page Turners Book Club](#): 6 p.m. Dec. 11 @Lawton Public Library
- [Coffee with Cops](#): 4:30-5 p.m. Dec. 13 @McDonalds on 82nd Street
- [COL Christmas Observance](#): **City of Lawton sites and offices will be closed 12/24 & 12/25.**



Mayor Fred Fitch delivered his last State of the City address as Lawton mayor on November 9 at the Lawton Country Club. Mayor Fitch was elected to serve in 2009 and has been an amazing asset to the Lawton community. We wish him the very best moving forward!

The 2018 State of the City, first delivered for Council in August 2018, can be found [HERE](#).



DECEMBER 2018
CITY MANAGERS OFFICE
580.581.3301

The Mission of the City of Lawton is to provide efficient, effective and responsive services; promote a quality of life based on harmony and cooperation; and create leadership and opportunity for Southwest Oklahoma.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

COL Team,

*Your United Way of Southwest Oklahoma Campaign contributions will positively impact THOUSANDS of lives across our community in areas of **Education, Basic Needs, Health & Income Stability**. Thank you for your time, efforts and generosity this campaign season. We beat last year’s total by nearly \$1,000, raising a total of \$33,555.24! Check out some more figures below and visit **uwswok.org** to learn more!*

*~Tiffany Martinez Vrska
COL Campaign Coordinator*

-RESULTS at a GLANCE-

Highest Average Per Giver

City Manager’s Office - \$1,475.90
Traffic Control - \$346.67
Information Technology - \$301.25

Highest in Overall Donations, per Department

Lawton Fire Department - \$7,931.30
City Manager’s Office - \$7,379.50
Planning - \$1,219.44

Best Participation

More than 50% of staffers contributed to the campaign in:

Stormwater Division
City Manager’s Office – **100%!**
Planning Division
License & Permits Division
Housing/Community Dev. – **100%!**
City Clerk’s Office – **100%!**
Arts & Humanities Division
Animal Welfare



Bart Hadley, UWSWOK Board Chairman and COL Asst. City Manager, took a pie to the face from staffer Charlotte Brown at the 2018 Chili Cookoff after her division won a campaign contest.



**HAPPY, HAPPY
BIRTHDAY TO YOU!**

December Employee Birthdays:

James Carr	Phillip Davis	Laura McCoy
Ralph Anthony	Girard Capps	Mike Sass
Denise Ezell	Michael Thedford	Earl Scott
Sheila Standridge	Gregory Stallings	Justin Wells
Shawn Adkinson	Tasha Hoosier	Galen Major
Guadalupe Arce	James Maroon	Debra Stanley
Warren Wick	Jimmy Handley	Abel Luna
Derek Stanfield	Carlos Nazario	Jackie Hunter
Barbara Burnett	Robert Morford	Daryl Stowe
Manuel Smith, Jr.	Jeffery Mowry	Taylor Smith
Stephen Red Elk	Richard Franz	Mario Ozuna
Jeremy Walters	John Bonomelli	Susan Schlecht
Patrick Bellamy	Enrique Cintora	Celia Howell
Joseph Landoll	Dylan Lafrance	Megan Loftis
Kristie Williamson	Jared Williams	Jani Sumpter
Marlin Fitzpatrick	Anthony Griffith	Bobby Finley
Lindsey Adamson	Shayna Sheppard	Vickie Ange
Joshua Burkhalter	Nicholas Flores	Ashlie Roberts
Michael Makos	Robert Lopez	Wade Lewis
Brock Greenhill	Brandon Newhouse	Danny Nunley
Thomas Rorrer	Clifford Tyler	Kory Tate
Brian Wiersema	Kevin Butler	David Miller

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR YEARS OF SERVICE!

December Employment Anniversaries

10 YEARS

Afsaneh Jabbar, W/WW
Charlotte Brown, Planning
Chance Neighbors, SWC

15 YEARS

Daniel Kayser, LFD

20 YEARS+

Roger Taylor, LFD
Damon Bybee, LFD
Kevin Hardzog, LFD
Carl Matthesen, LFD
Mark Flanagan, LFD
Michael Wright, LFD

20 YEARS+ (cont’d)

Richard Norwood, WWTP
Jose Ramirez, Drainage Maint.
Robert Howard, SWC
Julie Magness, Finance
Mark Moore, Finance
Candy Williams, IT
Jerry Ihler, City Manager
Deborah Jones, Planning
Gerardo Vallejo, LPD
Sandra Malicoat, Engineering

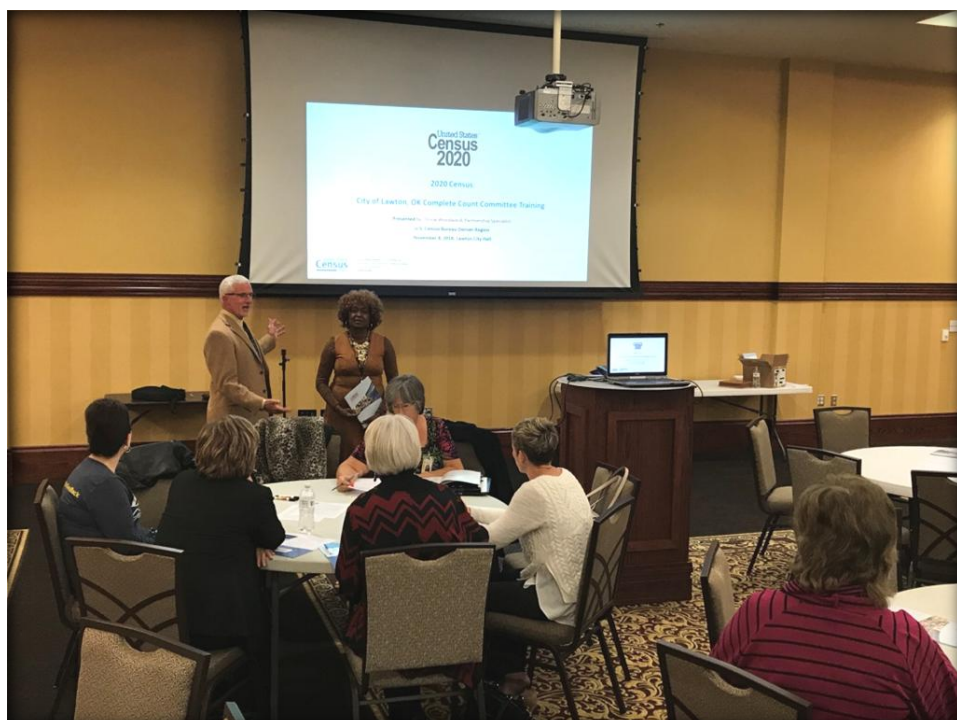


Trade \$5 for \$5,000???

Paul Martin of Community Services is selling \$5 raffle tickets to benefit Family Promise, a local nonprofit dedicated to assisting displaced families get back on their feet. The winner – to be drawn 12/1/18 – will win \$5,000 Cash! Winner does NOT need to be present to win. Call ext. 375 for more info!

The University of Oklahoma is offering discounted tickets to City of Lawton employees for the following games. Call HR at ext. 392 for more information.

OU Women's Team vs. UConn on 12/19/18
OU Men's Team vs. TCU on 1/12/18



NOVEMBER 6, 2018 ELECTION *Lawton City Council Races*

FOR LAWTON MAYOR

- **STAN BOOKER** – 58.16%
- **DWIGHT TANNER** – 41.84%

FOR WARD 2 COUNCIL REP

- **KEITH JACKSON** – 53.89%
- **MARK MALONE** – 46.11%

Incoming officials will be sworn in on January 14, 2019, at Lawton City Hall.

To find your council representative, view your ward boundaries and read about the responsibilities of elected officials, [CLICK HERE](#).

Election results by County can be found by [CLICKING HERE](#).

The City of Lawton, in collaboration with the U.S. Census Bureau, hosted a Complete Count Committee Kickoff on Nov. 8 at Lawton City Hall to foster community participation for the 2020 Census, set to occur March through December 2020.

The U.S. Census proportionally allocates funding for more than 130 federal programs including Medicaid, Housing and CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funding, school lunch programs and highway funding. Information provided through the upcoming 2020 Census will dictate such federal funding allocations for the City of Lawton for the next 10 years; participation from citizens is imperative for the sustainability of critical programs within the community.

“The City of Lawton recognizes the importance of reaching out to leaders across the community to encourage constituents to provide accurate and complete information to the U.S. Census Bureau,” said Lawton Mayor Fred Fitch during a proclamation of acknowledgement at the Oct. 23 City Council meeting. “The allocated funding received through Census data collection is essential to the citizens of the City of Lawton, and for the continued growth and development of our community.”

In accordance with Census guidelines, City officials concentrated efforts in contacting community leadership from various sectors of the city to participate in the kickoff. All citizens are encouraged to complete Census survey upon distribution.

For more information on local efforts involving the 2020 Census, contact Travis Estep at 580.581.3375 or at testep@lawtonok.gov. For other information surrounding the U.S. Census Bureau, visit census.gov.



Halloween '18

City Hall Halloween Bash!



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TVRSKA@LAWTONOK.GOV OR TEXT TO 580.351.4425.